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support Senator Hartnett's amendment. It was an issue that we heard in the Revenue Committee. And I believe it's an...a very appropriate change to the laws governing the AHLVB boards.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Further debate? Senator Hartnett, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR HARTNETT: I...(microphone malfunction.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: He waives closing. The question before the body is the adoption of the Hartnett amendment. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Hartnett's amendment.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: That amendment is adopted. We're back to debating the committee amendment. Senator Wickersham, you're recognized to close on the committee amendment.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Mr. President, I appreciate the attention of the body this afternoon. The...these were, for the most part, a number of rather minor issues. But it's always appropriate when we can improve the statutes and make clear things that have, in the past, maybe been a little bit unclear, and improve processes and procedures. The primary issue, I think, in the committee amendments, and Senator Wehrbein spoke to this, are the provisions for turnover of county...local county assessment functions to the state. Again, I want to make very clear, if it isn't clear already, that we're changing that process in a way that assures us that the Legislature will have to make a funding decision before we will assume the county assessor's function in any county. I think that's the only fiscally prudent way that we can begin to manage those issues, and I hope that you will agree with us and adopt the committee amendment.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You've heard the closing. The question before the body is the adoption of the Revenue Committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record.